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Group Art Unit: 2624

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Title: IMAGE PROCESSING APPARATUS, IMAGE FORMING APPARATUS, INFORMATION EMBEDDING

METHOD, AND INFORMATION EMBEDDING PROGRAM

AMENDMENT/REPLY TRANSMITTAL LETTER

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Enc	losed is a reply for the above-identified patent application.					
	A Petition for Extension of Time is also enclosed.					
	Terminal Disclaimer(s) and the \$\infty\$\$ \$65.00 (2814) \$\infty\$\$ \$130.00 (1814) fee per Disclaimer due under 37 C.F.R. \(\) \$1.20(d) are also enclosed.					
	Also enclosed is/are					
	Small entity status is hereby claimed.					
	Applicant(s) requests continued examination under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 and enclose the \$395.00 (2801) \$790.00 (1801) fee due under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e).					
	Applicant(s) requests that any previously unentered after final amendments <u>not</u> be entered. Continued examination is requested based on the enclosed documents identified above.					
	Applicant(s) previously submitted					
	on, for which continued examination is requested.					
	Applicant(s) requests suspension of action by the Office until at least, which does not exceed three months from the filing of this RCE, in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c). The required fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(i) is enclosed.					
	A Request for Entry and Consideration of Submission under 37 C.F.R. § 1.129(a) (1809/2809) is also enclosed.					

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×	No additional claim fee is required.
	An additional claim fee is required, and is calculated as shown below.

		A	MEND	ED CLAIMS			
	No. of Claims	Highes of Cla Previo Paid	ims usly	Extra Claims		Rate	Additional Fee
Total Claims	28	MINUS	28 =	0	×	\$50.00 (1202) =	\$ 0.00
Independent Claims	7	MINUS	7 =	0	×	\$200.00 (1201) =	\$ 0.00
If Amendment adds n	nultiple depen	dent claim	s, add	\$360.00 (1203)			
Total Claim Amendment Fee						\$ 0.00	
Small Entity Status claimed - subtract 50% of Total Claim Amendment Fee					\$ 0.00		
TOTAL ADDITIONAL	CLAIM FEE	DUE FOR	THIS	AMENDMENT			\$ 0.00

A check in the amount of	of is enclosed for the fee due
Charge	to Deposit Account No. 02-4800.
Charge	to credit card. Form PTO-2038 is attached.

The Director is hereby authorized to charge any appropriate fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16, 1.17, 1.20(d) and 1.21 that may be required by this paper, and to credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 02-4800. This paper is submitted in duplicate.

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RESPONSE AFTER FINAL REJECTION

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In response to the Official Action dated June 30, 2005, the following remarks are submitted: